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INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES PREPARED BY  
THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP

Memorandum by the Secretary

At the request of the Chief of Naval Intelligence, the enclosed memorandum is circulated herewith for discussion at the next meeting of the Intelligence Advisory Board.

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Secretary, N.I.A.

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Memorandum by the Chief of Naval Intelligence

THE PROBLEM

To establish a procedure for considering intelligence estimates prepared by the Central Intelligence Group.

FACTS

N.I.A. Directive No. 1, paragraph 2, directs the Central Intelligence Group to furnish intelligence estimates to the President, the State, War and Navy Departments, etc.

N.I.A. Directive No. 1, paragraph 6, directs that intelligence reports prepared by the Central Intelligence Group will note any substantial dissent by a participating intelligence agency.

The Central Intelligence Group on 23 July 1946 produced an intelligence report entitled ORE-1.

There is no indication in ORE-1 as to what approval or concurrence it had by the intelligence agencies having functions relating to the national security prior to its dissemination.

DISCUSSION

Intelligence reports produced by the Central Intelligence Group are likely to be an important segment of factors entering into a vital estimate or decision. Consequently it is essential that such reports have the concurrence or comment of the principal intelligence agencies of the government having functions relating to the national security. Such agencies at present are represented by the permanent members of the Intelligence Advisory Board. It is submitted that the best method of accomplishing the above is by a vote system similar to that used by the Joint Intelligence Committee in approving intelligence estimates.

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#### CONCLUSIONS

(a) That intelligence estimates prepared by the Central Intelligence Group should have the concurrence or comment of the principal intelligence agencies having functions relating to the national security as represented at present by the permanent members of the Intelligence Advisory Board.

(b) That the procedure for considering intelligence estimates prepared by the Central Intelligence Group should be a vote system similar to that used by the Joint Intelligence Committee for such purpose.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) That the procedure for considering intelligence estimates prepared by the Central Intelligence Group should be a vote system similar to that used by the Joint Intelligence Committee for such purpose.

(b) That this paper be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting of the Intelligence Advisory Board.

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